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SEZ IN GOA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria and reasons taken into consideration to grant Special Economic Zones in Goa State;

(b) whether the land has been sold for SEZ by the Government of Goa at a throw away price; and

(c) if so, the details of total land sold for SEZ thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) : The proposals for setting up Special Economic Zones (SEZs) which satisfy the requirements laid down in the Special Economic Zones Act, 2005 and the Special Economic Zones Rules, 2006 are considered by the Government. However, as in the case of special category States like North Eastern States (including Sikkim), Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh & Uttaranchal and the Union Territories), Goa has been given relaxation in the minimum area requirements for multi product and sector specific SEZs considering the topography, special needs and availability of contiguous vacant areas. In the case of Goa, the minimum area requirements prescribed for a multi product and sector specific SEZ are 200 hectares and 50 hectares respectively as against the requirement of 1000 hectares and 100 hectares prescribed for other States.

(b) & (c) : Land being a State subject, decision to identify or allot land for various purposes, including for SEZs, is taken by the respective State Governments in accordance with the policies and procedures laid down by them for the purpose. Central Government has so far granted formal approvals for establishment of only four Special Economic Zones in Goa covering an area of 290.98 hectares of which only one SEZ over an area of 123.2 hectares to be developed by Meditab Specialities Private Ltd. has been notified so far.